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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box Patent Application Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before the issuance of the first Official Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-10 and 16-22, without prejudice.

REMARKS

The present application is a divisional of application serial No. 09/066,377 filed November 20, 1998. A Restriction issued on February 16, 2001 in the '377 application, in which the Examiner stated that claims 1-10 and 16-22 are in Group I and claims 11-15 are in Group II.

Claims 1-10 and 16-22 have been canceled herein. Claims 11-15 are in this application.

Entry of the above amendatory matter and early examination on the merits are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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